

**SCENE 7**

*The congregation are bustling and talking. GRANDMA PAT is sat, not really engaging. CHRISTOPHER is next to her.*

GRANDMA PAT

I thought that vacant woman said we'd be starting soon.

CHRISTOPHER

Supposedly.

GRANDMA PAT

She smells like patchouli.

CHRISTOPHER

Okay...

GRANDMA PAT

I don't like patchouli.

CHRISTOPHER

Wonderful. I'll let her know.

GRANDMA PAT

Hm. I'll be getting embalmed before this is done. Can't they just get on with it?

CHRISTOPHER

It happens to us all though, doesn't it? Not the embalming thing. Simon and I argued on our big day. I told him he was being a queen, which he was, and he threatened to throw a vase of flowers at me, which he did. I had to stand under the hand drier for twenty minutes with my waistcoat, but you can still see the stain in the photos!

GRANDMA PAT

I reckon it isn't going to happen. It's past 3 o'clock for goodness sake. Who gets married after 3 o'clock? Does no one have any decency or values anymore? There are certain things that just shouldn't happen past teatime.

CHRISTOPHER

You're such a cynic.

GRANDMA PAT

No, I've just been around a little longer than you have.

CHRISTOPHER

That really doesn't need to be stated.

GRANDMA PAT

Yes, yes, aren't I old, aren't I just so past it, etcetera, etcetera.

CHRISTOPHER

Want to put money on it?

GRANDMA PAT

On me being past it?

CHRISTOPHER

No, well...no, on whether this actually goes ahead or not.

GRANDMA PAT

On my own granddaughter's wedding day! Christopher!

CHRISTOPHER

I'll take that as a no then.

GRANDMA PAT

You can't be trusted.

CHRISTOPHER

You mean you're still feeling sore from the last time.

GRANDMA PAT

I'm sure you rigged it.

CHRISTOPHER

Or maybe I have excellent intuition.

GRANDMA PAT

I think you took advantage of poor Beryl. She barely understands what gay is. All she knows is that you were very interested in her knitting and were happy to watch Poldark with her.

CHRISTOPHER

It's not my fault I'm incredibly charismatic.

GRANDMA PAT

Said the serpent to Eve.

CHRISTOPHER

Anyway, that win cost me dearly. I never want to step foot into that crochet nightmare again. I'd give you your money back if I could get that time back. Do you know there are litter trays in front of all of the toilets? Not the toilet doors. The actual toilets. She says it's so they don't get lonely when she has to spend a penny. Think about that! She shits with her cats!

GRANDMA PAT

Good, I'm glad you suffered. I'm never getting that money back.

CHRISTOPHER

How about you try and win it back now? Just a fiver?

GRANDMA PAT

No.

CHRISTOPHER

Shame, I could've done with a new Monstera.

*LAURA enters and TERRI makes her way to her.*

LAURA

Hi love, you okay? Fending for yourself alright? Sorry I have to keep leaving you.

TERRI

That's okay. Did you manage to find her?

LAURA

No, not yet. But Anneli's with her, and she's more of a mother to Maria than I am, so I'm sure she'll be fine. She's probably just being dramatic; it runs in the family.